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SUBJECT: DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

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1. SPECIAL AD HOC WORKING GROUP (UNDER AEGIS OF AD-70 EWG)
ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS
OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON AUGUST 3.
PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WAYS OF DEVELOP-
ING AN APPROACH TO PRESENT MORE MEANINGFULLY THE FINANCIAL
AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING IN THE SPRING 1974
EWG REPORT. BASIS OF DISCUSSION WAS AC/281-N(73)9, DATA
REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (POUCHED JULY 31).

2. GENERAL REACTION WAS THAT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO
COLLECT SUFFICIENT DATA FOR A MEANINGFUL PRESENTATION OF A
FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF DEFENSE SPENDING. EVEN IF DATA COULD
BE MADE AVAILABLE, FINAL OBJECTIVE OR AIM OF FUNCTIONAL/REGIONAL
ANALYSIS WAS ALSO QUESTIONED (BY DENMARK, NETHERLANDS,
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NORWAY, AND UK).

3. WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN IN 2 WEEKS. AT NEXT
MEETING COUNTRIES WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON SAMPLE

QUESTIONNAIRE IN AC/281-N(73)9 AS ONE APPROACH TO GATHERING
USEFUL DATA FOR A PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS ON THE
RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO NATO ON A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
BASIS. IN THE MEANTIME, IS WILL TRY TO SIMPLIFY SAMPLE
QUESTIONNAIRE AND COME UP WITH LANGUAGE WHICH BETTER DEFINES
DEFENSE FUNCTIONS IN SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE.

4. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED. REACTION BY AUGUST 16TH
TO SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE IN AC/281-N(73)9 AS A POSSIBLE MEANS
OF COLLECTING DATA FOR LINKING DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND
FORCE CAPABILITIES AND WASHINGTON IDEAS ON HOW BEST TO
APPROACH CONCEPTUAL PROBLEM OF A FUNCTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF
COUNTRY DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. FUNCTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF DEFENSE
SPENDING MUST BE APPLICABLE TO ALL NATO COUNTRIES. RUMSFELD

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